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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Savitri Mulpuri

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE ____ MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10-13 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6-9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to the applicant's response for restriction requirement filed on 10/25/2004.

Claim Objections

Claims 6-9 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claims should refer in the alternative only "and/or". And can not depend on any other multiple dependent claims. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims 6-9 not been further treated on the merits.

Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: In line 3 "a layer with another type", it is not clear whether the word "type" is material type of the layer or dopant type of the layer. Appropriate correction is required.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Hori et al (US6,261,862) teaches forming buffer layer as plural subs layers between p type layer and intrinsic layer or between intrinsic layer and n-type layer. Kondo et al (6,653,165) teaches treating the n-type layer or p-type layer in pin structure with oxygen containing vapor for example water vapor. However, Hori and Kondo teach method of making device in multiple chamber apparatus.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claim 1 –5 recites the limitation "the doping agent of said another layer" in line 6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 1-5 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Prior art neither teach nor suggest producing semiconductor device comprising at least layer doped with doping agent and layer of another type deposited on the doped layer in single reaction chamber, wherein the deposition steps of said layers are separated by an operation for avoiding the contamination by the doping agent of said another layer.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Savitri Mulpuri whose telephone number is 703.305.5184. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 8 a.m. to 4.30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Whitehead, can be reached on 571-272-1702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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